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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPL. NO. : 09/781,491
APPLICANT : Clouatre, *et al.*
TITLE : Methods and Pharmaceutical Preparations for
Normalizing Blood Pressure with (-)-Hydroxycitric Acid
EXAMINER : Dwayne C. Jones
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month (3) extension of time to respond to the November 25, 2003 Final Office Action, in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before Tuesday, May 25, 2004.

Please charge the petition fee of \$475.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), and any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2678, Reference No. 71286.010110. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed. Applicant is a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,


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